

 The offer and order giuen forth by Sir Thomas Smyth
Knight, and Thomas Smyth his sonne, vnto suche as be willing to accom-
panye the sayde Thomas Smyth the sonne, in his voyage for the inhabiting some
partes of the North of Irelande.



THE Queenes Maiesties graunt made to Syr Thomas Smyth Knight, and Thomas Smyth his sonne in Ireland, is all that is hir maiesties by enheritance, or other right in the country called the ARDS, & part of other countreys adiacent in the shire of VLSHER, so that they can possesse & replenish them with English men. The which thing that it might the more surely be done, the sayd sir Thomas & Thomas his sonne, haue bounden themselves to her highnesse to distribute al the sayd land within the said countreys, which they shall be able to obteyne and possesse, to suche as shall take paynes to helpe them to possesse the same, to haue and hold to them and to their heires for euer.

That is to say, to eche man who will serue as a souldier on foot, one plowland containing a hundred & twenty acres Irish of arable land, for which the said sir Thomas and Thomas, must pay to the Queenes maiestie two pence Irish for an Irish acre, after foure and twentie foote to the pole. In consideration of which rente by them to be payde vnto her Maiestie, the souldier shall paye for the sayde plowlande vnto Syr Thomas Smyth and Thomas, and their heires, one penny sterling for euery English acre of the sayde plowlande, after the measure of sixtene foote and an halfe to the pole, and no more. The first payment to begin foure yeares hence, videlicet, 1576.

To eche man who wyll serue on horsebacke two plowlandes, videlicet two hundred and fortie Acres Irish, which is at the least fife hundred acres and more English, paying for euery acre English as the footman doth.

And the earable land being deuided, eche foote man and horseman shall haue also allotted vnto hym pasture, meadowe, wood, and suche lyke necessary, as the countrey will serue, as reasonably as they haue arable ground, so that they may therewith be contented.

The charges that is required of a footeman at his first setting forth, if he be furnished of sufficient armour, for a Pike, Halberd, or Calliuer, with a conuenient liuerey cloake of red colour, or carnation wyth black facing, is tenne poundes for his vitayling for one whole yeare after his arriual and his transportation: after which yeare, there is hope to fynde prouision enough in the countrey, which they shall obteyne with good guydance.

The charges of a horseman well horsed and armed for a lighte horseman with a staffe and a case of Daggs, is twentie poundes for vitayle of hym and his horse for one whole yeare, and for his transportation. His liuery had neede be of the colour aforesayd and of the fashion of the riding Dutch cloakes nowe vsed.

And to auoyde the flixe and suche dangerous diseases as both many tymes chaunce to souldiers by reason of lying vpon the grounde and incured, and lyke wyse to horses for lacke of hales. If any souldier footeman wyll giue before hande ten shillings, and the horseman twentie shillings, they shall be lodged vnder canuas, and vpon beddes, vntill houses may be prouided.

And if any will beare the charges of a Souldier, that cannot goe hymselfe, nor send an other in his roome, he shall haue his part of land allotted to him as wel as though he went himself: but then for a footman he must pay in ready money. xvi. pound. xii. s. iiii. d. This is one parte. And if any wyll haue two partes or more, then according to this rate to pay the money. The Colonell to find the sayd footman or men in al points, for the first yeare according as the money is receiued.

And to the intent that no man willing to aduenture in this most honorable & profitable voyage, may doubt hereof, if it please him to resorte to London into Paules Churchyard to the sygne of the Sunne, there hee shall see both the Letters Patentes and the Indentures of couenantes betwixte the Queenes Maiestie and the sayd sir Thomas Smyth and Thomas Smyth, and pay such money as he is disposed to aduenture, and receiue hys assurance from Thomas Smyth the sonne, who taketh the aduenture and voyage vpon hym to goe in person, or if the said Thomas be not there, one of the receiuers of this boiage remaining there, shall do herein as appertaineth, whom he hath made his deputie in this behalfe.

Note that all suche kyndes of prouision as be necessary in this iourney, the treasurer may receiue in lieu of money, according as he shall haue neede of suche prouision, be already furnished therewith, and according to the place where the sayde prouision shall lye for the commodious transportation thereof.

Bicause the tyme of our Embarking is shorte: And that it is necessarie that some tyme for the prouision and gathering together of all things necessary be had after the receipt. Therefore haue we appointed the said receipt in all places, to ende the last day of february. Requesting all suche as be resolued to aduenture in this enterpryse, to hasten in their payments before that last day of february. Especially immediatly vpon their resolution to sende vpon their names in wytyng, the quantitie of their aduenture, and the day or dayes, which they shall take within the terme afore limited, for the payment of suche summes. The same vnder their hands to be deliuered with all speede vnto the Treasurer or Receiuer, where they shall thinke good to pay their said aduentures, to the ende their names may be entred certainly. And the number once knowne, all necessities by proportion prouided accordingly. As for the day and place certaine of meeting and Embarking, bicause it is not necessary to publishe the same, the Treasurer or Receiuer, shall giue it forth by Tiquet at the time of his receipt of the aduenture.



God saue the Queene.

Thomas Smyth